



2019 VA St. Louis Medical Staff Award



Michael Lippman, MD

Dr. Lippmann has been a pillar of strength and high-quality patient care at the St. Louis VA for 28 years. He maintains the highest clinical care and teaching standards, and his patients and students are devoted to him. Dr. Lippmann consistently takes on additional clinical work often without being asked. He, along with 2 other members of the pulmonary division, elected to take over all the daytime physician care in the medical intensive care unit until the hospitalist service was expanded ~1 decade ago. Dr. Lippmann served as the acting ER director until Dr. Fieg arrived, covering many shifts, and continued to do so during a severe physician shortage. Dr. Lippmann maintains the highest level of enthusiasm for what he does, and always is willing to provide advice on patient care when asked. He places the good of the institutional ahead of his own interests, and the St. Louis VA owes him a great deal. He is nominated for excellence in patient care, teaching, and integrity.



Charles H. Andrus, MD, FACS

Dr. Andrus is a staff physician in the Surgical Service's Section of General Surgery is recognized by his peers for his excellence in patient care, teaching, integrity, and research. He has over 20 years of service in VHA, and the majority of that time has been dedicated to the care of our Veterans at the John Cochran VA. Dr. Andrus is an experienced researcher and clinician and has served on numerous committees and in many leadership roles. His peers praise him for "instilling a passion for surgery in his residents" and "teaching residents how to care for patients at the bedside". He has played an integral role in the day to day function and coverage of general surgery clinical services and is known for his multidisciplinary approach to patient care and commitment to considering the biopsychosocial needs of his patients. He has continued to deliver the highest quality of care to our Veterans and his colleagues and patients alike have benefited greatly from his knowledge, experience, compassion, and dedication.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Commendation

This certificate is awarded to

CHARLES H. ANDRUS, M.D.

The Hospital Ethics Committee (HEC) awards this Commendation to Charles H. Andrus, M.D., Chief, Surgical Service, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital and Professor of Surgery, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in recognition of his extraordinary courage, dedication and contributions to ethical practices in healthcare. In clinical practice and as the Chief of Surgical Service, Dr. Andrus has been an exemplary ethical practitioner and leader. As a clinician, he has been a forthright advocate of the need for compassionate, respectful and candid dialogue between patients, their family members and caregivers regarding the moral tensions and emotional turmoil that often arise at the end-of-life. His sensitivity to and advocacy for these issues and the delicate mediation and decision-making they require have been inspirational. Furthermore, in every respect, he has been an outspoken, articulate and passionate champion of the need for constant vigilance about the ethical implications of physician practices. In a most effective way, his leadership style has been his example. The entire hospital community is indebted to him for the impact that he has had on our patients and their family members. He is looked upon with great respect and held in great esteem by his colleagues who have been honored by his presence. As a result of his admirable qualities, it is with great pleasure that the HEC commends Dr. Andrus for his inspirational contributions and leadership. We wish him well and God's speed in his new endeavors.



BARBARA TEMECK, M.D.
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GERALD J. MOZDIERZ, Ph.D.
CHAIRMAN, HOSPITAL ETHICS
COMMITTEE

Department of Veterans Affairs



Certificate of Retirement

Honoring

Charles H. Andrus, M.D.

*In recognition of your retirement from the
Department of Veterans Affairs.
Thank you for your dedicated service to the
Government of the United States of America.*

*Given this November 3, 2022
at the VA St. Louis Health Care System*



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FABIAN GRABSKI
Acting Medical Center Director
VA St. Louis Health Care System

Department of Veterans Affairs



Service Award

Presented to

Charles H. Andrus, M.D.

*in appreciation of your 25 years of dedicated
service to the United States Government.*

Given at VA St. Louis Health Care System

October 25, 2022



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FABIAN GRABSKI
Acting Medical Center Director